



# California Department of Veterans Affairs

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### WELCOME HOME PROJECT TO HOST RIVER RAFTING AND WILDERNESS RETREAT FOR OIF/OEF VETERANS

**EVENT:** The Welcome Home Project is sponsoring a River Rafting and Wilderness Retreat for Operation Iraqi Freedom (OIF) and Operation Enduring Freedom (OEF) veterans. Veterans, national guard members, and wounded warriors will enjoy rafting and hiking, as well as an opportunity for reflection, journaling, and sharing stories and experiences with other OIF and OEF veterans and others. This outing is free of charge.

**DATE:** September 24 – 28, 2008

**PLACE:** South Fork American River  
North of Sacramento, California

**WHO:** Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom veterans, National Guard members (both on active duty or reserve) and Wounded warriors.

**CONTACT:** To register follow the online directions at:  
<http://www.cominghomeproject.net/calendarch/display.asp?id=40>  
**SINCE REGISTRATIONS ARE REACHING THE MAX, SOME APPLICATIONS  
RECEIVED WILL BE PUT ON A WAITING LIST.**

**BACKGROUND:** The Coming Home Project is a non-profit organization devoted to providing compassionate care, support and stress management tools for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and their families. We are a group of veterans, psychotherapists and interfaith leaders committed to helping transform the wounds of war. We help veterans and family members rebuild the connectivity of mind, heart, body and spirit that combat trauma can unravel; renew their relationships with loved ones; and create new support networks. We build a safe space – a community -- for veterans and their families to come together and share their stories, struggles and accomplishments. Single veterans are also most welcome.  
[www.cominghomeproject.net/ComingHome](http://www.cominghomeproject.net/ComingHome)

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